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1. RAND DAILY MAIL OF AUGUST 14 CARRIED INTERVIEW BY
J.H.P. SERFONTEIN WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AS ITS MAJOR FRONT
PAGE STORY, UNDER HEADLINE "KAUNDA PUTS THE BLAME ON VORSTER."
INTERVIEW CONTAINS SEVERAL DIRECT ATTACKS BY KAUNDA ON
PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, GIVING HIM PERSONAL BLAME FOR CURRENT
CRISIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ABSENCE OF POLITICAL SOLUTIONS IN
RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY ATTACK ON
ZAMBIA. INTERVIEW QUOTES KAUNDA: "ONE MUST BE SPECIFIC: IT
IS MR. VORSTER WHO IS TO BLAME. IF HE WANTED IT TOMORROW
THE REBELS IN RHODESIA WOULD BE ON THEIR KNEES AND THERE
WOULD BE MAJORITY RULE. BUT MR. VORSTER HAS CONTINUED TO
PROP UP THE REBEL REGIME....MR. VORSTER HAS SENT HIS
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TROOPS TO DESTROY LIFE AND PROPERTY IN ZAMBIA. HE

HAS THE POWER TO END APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. THIS
HE IS NOT DOING. INSTEAD HE IS USING STRONG-ARM TACTICS AND
BRUTAL POLICE ACTION." AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE THIS IS FIRST
TIME SINCE BEFORE VICTORIA FALLS MEETING THAT KAUNDA HAS
VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED VORSTER PERSONALLY IN STATEMENT FOR
PUBLICATION.

2. SERFONTEIN'S REPORTING IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND HAS
UNFORTUNATELY COME TO HAVE A REPUTATION FOR UNRELIABILITY.
THIS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN CONSIDERING STORY.
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